New Notary Application Through a Service Company



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Before you start...

Understand you have chosen to work with a service company and have paid a fee to that company for specific services.

It is your responsibility to understand what services are included in the fee. Make sure to know whether

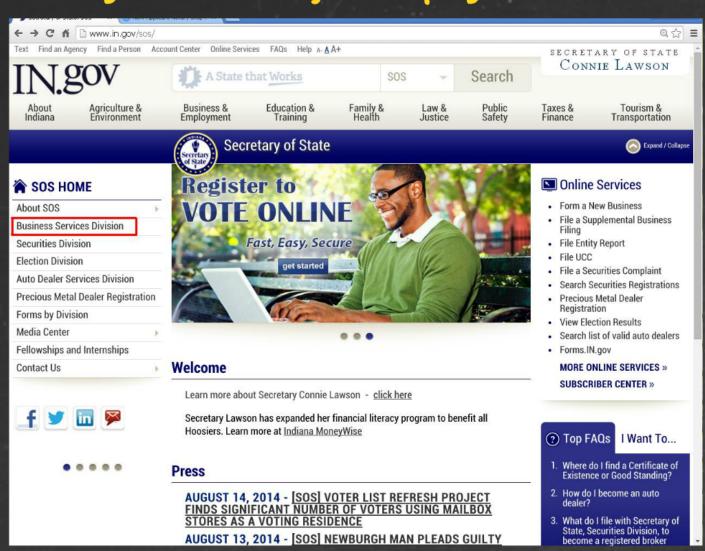
- Your bond is provided;
- The company is responsible for uploading your application;
- Your stamp is provided; and/or
- · If the fee includes the notary application fee.

You are not required to go through a service company to become a notary.

KNOW WHAT YOU PAID FOR

Locating the Notary Homepage

From the homepage of the Secretary of State's website, select "Business Services Division."



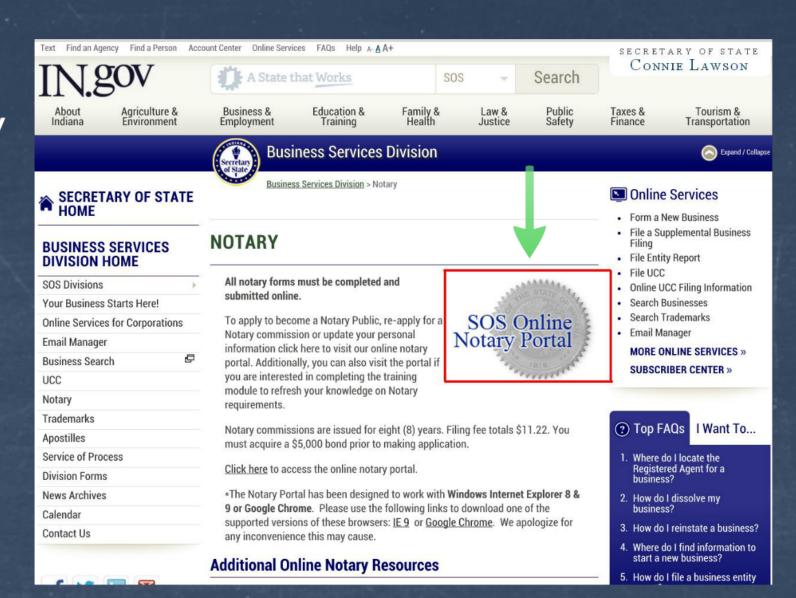
Locating the Notary Homepage

From the Business Services web page, select "Notary." This will take you to the notary homepage.



Locating the Notary Homepage

Once on the Notary web page, select "SOS Online Notary Portal."



Things you need before you start

- Driver's License number (or state ID card)
- Last four numbers of your Social Security number
- Email Address
- If you will be preforming notaries for your employer:
 - Employer name
 - Address
 - Phone number

Things you need before you start

You must secure a bond prior to submitting a notary application:

- The bond must be for \$5000.
- The bond must be valid forthe same 8 year period as the commission.
- After securing the bond, you will receive documentation stating the name of the surety and the bond number.

There are two types of bonds: Surety and Freehold

- · Surety Bond is obtained from a bonding company or bank.
- Freehold Bond is obtained when a person other than the applicant puts forth the \$5000 bond in the form of real property they own.

Do not start the application process without knowing your bond information.

If you are responsible for completing the application, click on "apply." For help with this process, view the New Applicant Notary Step by Step Prezi.

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> before you begin

- ✓ To become a Notary, an individual must (What's This?)
- ✔ Determine the type of bond to provide. (What's This?)
- ✔ Payment information. (What's This?)
- Functions of a Notary. (What's This?)
- Official Notary Guide. (What's This?)
- Frequently asked questions. (What's This?)
- ✓ Other Resources. (What's This?)

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The Secretary of State's office is no longer sending out Transaction Authorization letters. If you need to change information that requires a Transaction Authorization letter please contact our office directly at 317-232-6576.

- 1 Start
- > apply

Become a Notary Public

- 2 Resume
- > login

Resume your transaction with your Transaction ID and E-mail Address or PIN

Thank you for choosing to serve the State of Indiana as a Notary Public!

As part of our ongoing efforts to reduce costs and increase service through innovation and technology, the Secretary of State's office developed the online Notary system. This system accepts new Notary applications, Notary renewals and allows a current Notary to update contact information.

To assist you in rendering professional service our online Notary system includes a training module for Notaries. This training module is a part of the application process or can be used by current Notaries as a way to refresh their knowledge of notary responsibilities.

Thank you for using Online Notary!

- Other Actions
- > search

Search for notaries

> revise

Revise your commission

> get a copy

Get a copy of your commission certificate

> training

Perform notary training

> register

Register to apply via a service company

bulk upload

Upload a batch of notary applicants

If your service company will upload your application, click on "register."

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Answer the Pre-Qualification questions.

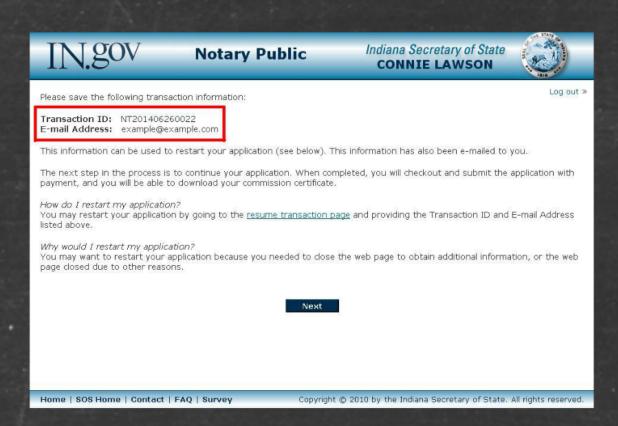
Pre-Qualification Are you at least 18 years of age? Are you an Indiana resident? Have you served jail time of 6 months or more? Do you hold an office classified as a lucrative office in Indiana? Next Cancel

Enter your name and email address. A Transaction ID number will be emailed to you.

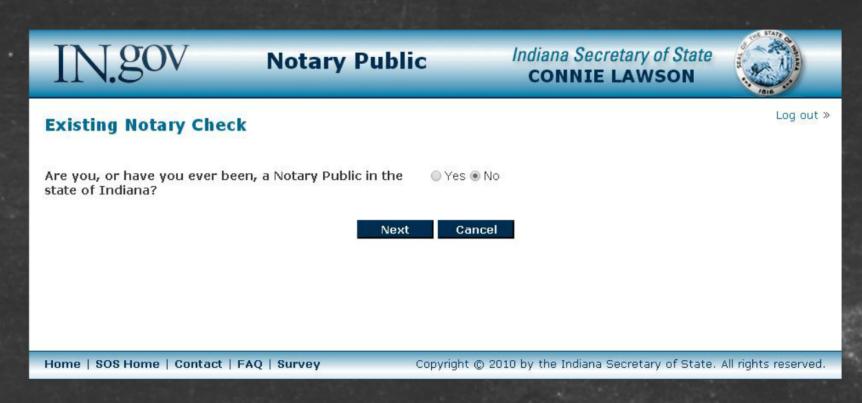
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Please enter your e-mail address. An e-mail will be sent to you with a Transaction ID. Should you be disconnected during your transaction, you may log back in using your e-mail address and the Transaction ID. All information you have previously entered will be saved, and you will be able to restart the transaction at the point where you lost your connection. Applicant Name: First Middle Last Suffix E-mail Address: Re-type E-mail Address: Next Cancel			
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Save the Transaction ID number for future reference.

You will need this if you are unable to complete the process in one sitting.



Select whether you have previously been a notary. If you have previously been a notary, please use the "Reapplying for Your Notary Commission Prezi to help you reapply.



Complete the eight multiple choice training questions. When the training is completed, select "continue".

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Notary Public Training

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This is not a test! You will be presented a series of questions that are intended to inform you of the responsibilities and duties of a Notary Public. You will not be able to proceed to the next question before answering the current question correctly.

If you are disconnected during the training or must leave the training for any reason, you will be able to return at a later time and resume the training where you left off. The transaction number you were e-mailed and your registered e-mail address will be needed to continue with the training and application process.

Begin the Training

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Notary Training Completed

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Congratulations! You have completed this Indiana Notary Public training session.

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Read the oath of office. Once you have read the oath, confirm that you will uphold the oath by selecting the box on the left side. Then select "next."

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Indiana Notary Oath

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Name: MATTHEW

OATH OF OFFICE

☑ I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Indiana; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution and laws of the State; that I am 18 years of age or over; that I am of good moral character and integrity; that I am a resident of Indiana; that my answers to questions on the application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge; that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of NOTARY PUBLIC if so commissioned by the Governor, according to the best of my skill and ability, so help me God (or under the pains and penalties of perjury).

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Select "Print this receipt" to print the receipt that you must send to the service company.

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Print Service Company Transaction Receipt

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Congratulations! You have completed the preliminary steps for becoming an Indiana Notary Public.

Print this receipt and provide it to your service provider. Your service provider will then be able to upload the information using the Transaction 15 to complete the application process.

You must have Adobe Reader installed on your computer to open this file.



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This is the Transaction Receipt. You will send this to the service company to show them you have completed the necessary steps. They will then provide you with the supplies of your agreement.

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Notary Public Transaction Receipt

APPLICANT

MATTHEW you have completed the preliminary process to be commissioned as an Indiana Notary Public. Unless you hold a current, active commission, you are not yet authorized to notarize documents.

Forward this form to a bonding or service company to complete the application process. Contact the bonding or service company for more information.

Upon completion of the application process and the payment of fees, the service company will provide you with a commission certificate and you will then be authorized to notarize documents.

SERVICE COMPANY

The application information below may be uploaded along with payment to complete the application process. View instructions for formatting the application at the Indiana Secretary of State's website at thtp://www.in.gov/sos. The name, transaction number and e-mail address uploaded will need to match the information provided below for the transaction to complete successfully. If the applicant is currently a notary public in Indiana their application cannot be processed until sixty (60) days prior to their current expiration date.

Applicant Name:

MATTHEW

Applicant E-mail:

example@example.com

Transaction Number

NT201406300070

Date Printed:

June 30, 2014

Current Commission Expiration Date:

N/A

You will then receive a confirmation letter via email with a link to print your commission certificate.

Congratulations on becoming a Notary Public!

Indiana Notary Clerk [notary@sos.in.gov]

Congratulations! Your application for an Indiana Notary Commission has been filed and approved by the Indiana Secretary of State. You are now a part of the largest single group of public officials in our state, with over 80,000 members. As a notary public, your duties serve a critical function within the state.

Notarization is important as an attestation that the signature or signatures on a document have been witnessed, and the parties identified by an impartial public official. Notaries are expected to be impartial, unbiased and without a financial interest in the agreements they notarize.

To assist you in rendering professional service, my office maintains <u>a guide</u> outlining the laws governing the official acts of notaries.

The information provided in the guide, although a good reference, does not address every question, problem, or situation you might face as a notary. If at any time you are unsure how to proceed, I recommend you seek legal advice; as a notary you may be liable both criminally and civilly for any negligent or fraudulent acts.

We want to hear from you! Take this short online survey and tell us about your experience using the online Notary application.

For your records you Notary Commission Certificate is available for download.

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If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to call my office at (317) 232-6576. We are always available to serve you and the public.

Sincerely,

Courie Famon

Connie Lawson Indiana Secretary of State



Print your commission certificate from your confirmation letter. Keep a copy of this certificate. You will be charged \$6.12 for additional copies.

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Corrie Famon

Connie Lawson Indiana Secretary of State

Obtaining your Notary Stamp or Seal

If the service company does not provide a stamp or seal as part of your agreement, you can take your commission certificate to an office supply store.

Review and proofread stamp to ensure your name, commission number and expiration date read exactly as they do on your commission certificate.

The Indiana Secretary of State's office does **not** provide notary stamps or seals.

Keeping a Notary Journal

The State of Indiana does not require notaries to keep a journal. However, keeping one is recommended to protect yourself.

Journals can be purchased from any office supply store.

Information to track in a journal includes:

- Date and time of notarial act
- Type of notarial act
- Type of document notarized (i.e. will, contract, deed)
- Printed name of signer
- Description of how the notary public identified the signer
- Any other pertinent information
- Fees collected, if any
- Unusual circumstances (i.e. refusal to notarize)

Important Reminders

- You are required to notify the Secretary of State's office if your address changes.
- You are required to notify the Secretary of State's office if you change your legal name.
- If you decide you no longer wish to be a notary public, you should terminate your commission prior to the term's expiration date.

Contacting the Indiana Secretary of State's Office

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